December 8, 2016

A Special Meeting/ Study Session/ Executive Session of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 3:04 PM, at the Scottsdale Unified School Mohave District Annex, 8500 E. Jackrabbit Road, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Board Members in attendance were Bonnie Sneed, President; Barbara Perleberg, Vice President; Kim Hartmann; George Jackson; and Pam Kirby. Interim Superintendent Denise Birdwell was also present. A quorum was present.

Call to Order/Roll Call – Mrs. Sneed introduced two new Board members, Sandy Kravetz and Allyson Beckham.

Mrs. Sneed moved to convene in Executive Session for:

A. A.R.S.§38-431.03(A)(1) for discussion or consideration of employment of the Interim Superintendent and a potential Superintendent Contract.
B. A.R.S.§ 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Governing Board’s attorney for legal advice regarding a Superintendent Contract and in order for the Board to consider its position and instruct its attorney regarding a Superintendent Contract that is the subject of negotiations.

Mrs. Kirby seconded the Motion. Motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

At 5:07 PM, the Special Meeting reconvened.

Roll call was taken again. Board Members Bonnie Sneed, President; Barbara Perleberg, Vice President; Kim Hartmann; George Jackson; and Pam Kirby. Interim Superintendent Denise Birdwell was also present. A quorum was present.

STUDY SESSION

Information/Discussion

Mr. O’Brien discusses the Sale of the Bonds. He also expresses a Bond Resolution will be completed and presented at the Board Meeting December 12, 2016. We are starting to price out on what we will be able to spend of the Bonds. January we will go through the ratings process which should be fairly easy. Price out in the first week of February and then sell in the second week and have some of the fund available mid-February. Language of the Resolution is dictated by Statute. Discussion continued concerning the ratings of the sale of the bonds and how the interest rates to Are you always locked into the 40 million dollars of the bonds? No we can sell more but too many at one time would drive up the price for the tax payers. We can go as high as 45 million and stay within the .61 price range for the tax payers. Mr. O’Brien will move forward with making the Resolution at 45 million dollars instead of 40 million dollars.

Bond Project Process is being discussed by Interim Superintendent Dr. A. Denise Birdwell. Tax payers have given you the authority and responsibility of the sale of the Bonds. Prioritizing expenditures and responsibility of hiring the architectural firms and construction firms for the projects of the re-builds. There is a Bond Oversight
Committee – will hold you accountable if pricing goes outside of the amounts allowed by law. The plaques will have all 7 Board Member names at each of the new sites. The Board can choose to slow down the future planning, just don’t stop the building on a site once it has begun. Public Forums will be scheduled for the inclusion of the community. The Governing Board will have the decision of all the carpet, colors, and textures, etc. but the Leadership will bring District standards to the Board to help with the decisions. Two firms that are already under 1GPA procurement, will present tonight with merely samples. They will present only examples of a couple designs.

Hunt Caraway discussed examples and cases of what a re-build would resemble. Mr. Brian Robichaux displayed a PowerPoint of identifiable schools but are just examples of a re-build. Three Case studies showing varying degrees of complexity and time frames. Some have two phases to complete and one had three phases to complete. Maps and designs were shown in detail including challenges, municipalities, permits, and partial re-build during instruction time for each case. Most of the cases would be around a 21-month completion time for safety purposes.

Orcutt Winslow presented a PowerPoint of a couple of Cases for add-ons to existing schools. These are also examples but “very complex like surgery of the school”. Examples would be to add a science building and a gymnasium. They also presented designs and how they would look with the progression of the re-build or add-ons to the existing schools. Board questions were clarified by Mr. O’Brien, Chief Financial Officer, and Dr. Birdwell, Interim Superintendent.

Future Items: No Future Items

At 6:29 PM, Mrs. Sneed moved to adjourn the Special Meeting. Mrs. Perleberg seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Dated this 8th day of December, 2016.

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Bonnie Sneed, President

Barbara Perleberg, Vice President

Kim Hartmann

George Jackson